

DETAILED ACTION

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance

The primary reason for the allowance of claim 22 is the inclusion of the limitation of an ink cartridge comprising a housing having a top wall including a cylindrical neck having an upper outer end; said opening extending through the top wall cylindrical neck, the vent being a porous member resting on the upper, outer end of the cylindrical neck and a cap securing the porous member on the neck. It is this limitation found in each of the claims, as it is claimed in the combination, that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for the indication of allowable subject matter for claims 23-24 is the inclusion of the limitation of the cylindrical neck extends inwardly of the chamber from the top wall and is surrounded by a peripheral recess, whereby the outer end of the neck is adjacent to the outer side of the top wall. It is this limitation found in each of the claims, as it is claimed in the combination, that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicants disclosure. Okamoto et al (U.S. Pat. 6,830,321) discloses a liquid tank comprising a presser member (44) capping/attaching to a separating element (43) (Figure 4). However the presser member (44) is arranged so as to be located inside the

storage ink tank with suction ports (38) and atmosphere communication ports (39) located on the side of the ink tank (32) (Figures 3-4, 7; Column 18, Lines 8-20).

Therefore Okamoto et al does not disclose an ink cartridge comprising a housing having a top wall including a cylindrical neck having an upper outer end; said opening extending through the top wall cylindrical neck, the vent being a porous member resting on the upper, outer end of the cylindrical neck and a cap securing the porous member on the neck.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON S. UHLENHAKE whose telephone number is (571)272-5916. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00.

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